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SUBJECT: ALLEGED NSC DECISION ON FUTURE OF CSOC

REF: BANGKOK 0235

1. THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDED JANUARY 4 TO REORGANIZE THE RTG COUNTER-INSURGENCY STRUCTURE, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS JANUARY 5. THE REPORTS ARE AMBIGUOUS BUT QUOTE OFFICIAL SOURCES AS STATING THAT CSOC WILL "TURN OVER" ARMED SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE; THAT RURAL DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS AT CSOC WILL BE RE-ASSIGNED AS NORMAL FUNCTIONS OF VARIOUS MINISTRIES; AND THAT COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATIONS WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH A UNIT IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. THE BANGKOK POST STATES THAT THIS "MARKED THE END" OF CSOC AND THAT "IT IS EXPECTED" THAT LTG SAIYUD WILL BE RE-ASSIGNED TO A NEW POST.

2. LTG SAIYUD, WHO HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CSOC REORGANIZATION WITH ME JANUARY 4 (REFTEL) COMMENTED TO ME JANUARY 5 THAT HE HAD

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NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF THE REPORTED NSC DECISION ON CSOC. HE

AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT AIR MARSHAL DAWEE WAS MANEUVERING FOR ENHANCED INFLUENCE ON CSOC AND THAT HE, SAIYUD, HAD NO INTENTION OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS STRUGGLE. "AFTER EIGHT YEARS AS CSOC HEAD, I'M WILLING TO LEAVE IF THAT'S WHAT IS WANTED". SAIYUD CONCLUDED THAT FORMAL CHANGES IN THE RTG COUNTER-INSURGENCY STRUCTURE ARE NOT SO IMPORTANT AS THE PERSONAL POWER RELATIONSHIPS WHICH EMERGE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

3. COMMENT: IT IS LIKELY THAT SOME THAI-STYLE COMPROMISE AMONG CONTENDING ELEMENTS WILL EMERGE FROM THE PRESENT JOSTLING OVER CONTROL OF CSOC, A COMPROMISE WHICH COULD WELL LEAVE RTG COUNTER-INSURGENCY EFFORTS EVEN LESS EFFICIENT THAN BEFORE.
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